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BIRD SEED BILL \$7,000,000

Large Amount of Money is Spent Each Year to Provide Food for the Canaries.

New York.—The manner in which this country spends money on articles which the average man never considers as contributing to the cost of living was strikingly illustrated recently when it was shown by figures from the customs office that we annually consume \$7,500,000 worth of canary bird seed.

There are not less than 5,000,000 eaged birds in the United States, according to the closest computations available. The ordinary house canary consumes about twenty-five pounds of seed a year, or some 200 times his own weight, at an average cost of \$1.50 per bird. New York, with its 400,000 canaries, leads all the other cities with

a bird food bill of \$600,000 annually. Most of the canaries in this country, according to the report, come from Germany, 250,000 of them being shipped from that country every year. The wholesale average price, according to the largest local importer, is 71 cents for male birds and 17 cents for females. According to his statement canaries are about as cheap a luxury as can be found, because of the fact that they are most generally purchased by persons of small means, who at the first attempt to boost the price immediately stop buying.

Including the birds themselves, seed, other food, cages and dishes and the like, it is estimated that this country invests annually about \$25,000,000 in canary music, a figure to make even a grand-opera impresario jealous.

DOG PULLS MAN OVERBOARD.

Owner of Canine Entangled in Chain Dragged from Wharf and Nearly Drowned.

Chicago.—In the presence of a crowd of spectators John Anderson of 316 Division street was dragged from the wharf at the foot of Division street into the lake by a huge St. Bernard dog and had a narrow escape from death. His feet were entangled in a chain by which he had been leading the dog. The latter, becoming frightened at the struggles of Anderson, proceeded to swim out into the

Anderson was saved by John Monson, Samuel Magnuson and Carl Peterson, clerks at the post office.

The rescuers in a rowboat pursued the dog, who was dragging Anderson to his death, reaching them some distance out in the lake. The animal fought the rescuers off, and it was almost impossible to reach Anderson, whose head was beneath the water.

Finally Monson leaped into the water and engaged in a battle with the dog, while MGagnuson and Peterson seized the chain and drew Anderson to the surface. Anderson was taken from the water unconscious, but after reaching shore was revived. The dog was fastened to the boat and also

CARRIED MAIL 24,000 MILES

Young Pennsylvania Woman the Only Star Route Carrier Who Has Never Been Late.

Bristol. Pa.-After carrying the mail 24,000 miles, during her 11 years and five months' service between Bristol and Woodbourne, Miss Grace Van Hart of Roelofs has given up her position and has been succeeded by Thaddeus M. Eustis.

She carried the mail on what is known as a "Star" route, traveling in a small cart. Her route was from Bristol via Emilie to Woodbourne about eight miles, and as she covered the round trip 300 times a year the total of her traveling is almost the same as the circumference of the earth.

The post-office clerks at Bristol state that Miss Van Hart was the only one of the Star route postmen from this point who never was, in her whole term of service, behind time with the mail, being always so punctual, no matter what the weather, that farmers along the route used to set their clocks when she came in sight. She won many warm friends along the route because of her courtesy and

To Seek South Pole.

Geographical society to lead an expe- than he had expected, he was attractdition in search of the south pole, ed by the notice. He read it thoughtembark from there for London to that the professor would not be in prepare for the antartic trip which for fully ten minutes yet, sighed and will begin next August.

came to Capt. Webster as he reached San Francisco on his twenty-fifth journey across the world.

Notification of the appointment

Fall in Naval Test.

deficient physically. Seven failed men- rines.-New York Sun. tally, and the four other candidates did not pass the final, or professional, examinations.

Try Water Cure for Pellagra. Hot Springs, Ark .- The thermal waters of Hot Springs are to be tested in does not know; and will gain more an effort to find a cure for the disease of pellagra. Two subjects have been brought to this city from Mississippi ward attempt to exhibit his erudition. for treatment and observation by lo- -Colton.

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British Naval Estimates.

The British naval estimates call for He earned his title in the Soudan an expenditure of \$175,713,500 during with Lord Kitchener. He also served the next fiscal year. This is almost \$40,000,000 more than the United States will spend and very nearly twice the sum that Germany will de-Washington.-Because of mental or vote to her establishment. Great physical deficiencies half the candi- Britain had 479 ships complete for sea dates for commissions in the United (including 149 destroyers, 98 torpedo States marine corps failed to pass the boats and 49 submarines) in March, examinations here. Eighteen of 29 1908, and the complement consisted of who failed were mentally fit, but were 99,679 officers and men and 18,371 ma-

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